

**Subject:** Pt St Nicholas Road, Craig, Alaska  
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To whom it may concern:

I have lived at 5.1 mile on the Port St. Nicholas road since 1997. I purchased my property and built my home. Every year we hear the same story about "next year they will pave the road." Then it's funded and the state changes it mind. We are now told 2009. This is absurd! This area has the second highest population density in this area. It is the worst road on Prince of Wales Island hands down. It is one thing to talk about paving but this road is has never even had gravel replaced in the time I've lived here. The occasionally try to grade what is left of the road (shot rock) but all they do is make it worse with steep grades and a center line crown that guarantees you will slide into the ditch or over a cliff in adverse weather because there are no shoulders. THIS ROAD IS DANGEROUS FOR ALL WHO MUST USE IT! The logging roads are far superior to this road.

NO ONE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MAINTENENCE ON THIS COW PATH!

My wife was pulled over by a Trooper who threatened to give her a citation for swerving and dodging potholes on this miserable road. If one were to drive as he said was the law, you would constantly need a new undercarriage if not a new vehicle. Our vehicle's are beat and pounded continuously and require extensive repair work.

Our property values have suffered because of this road.

WE PAY TAXES TOO. We see 250M for "bridges to nowhere" and so must "political pork spending" for special interests. I challenge you to find a road worse than this in any rural area in Alaska. We are talking about a road connected to town and only 5 miles in length!

THIS IS NOT FAIR!

PLEASE RECONSIDER.

Sincerely,

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